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Half-an-hour discussions.

51. There were half-an-hour discussions during both the sessions in respect of answers furnished to six questions of public interest for which suitable answers were given by the Ministers concerned.

(b) The Mysore Legislative Council.

52. The Legislative Council met twice during the year. The adjourned meetings of the Budget Session commenced on 13th July 1953 and concluded on 27th July 1953. The January Session commenced on 12th January 1954 and adjourned on 21st January to meet again on 15th March 1954. The adjourned meetings of January Session (Budget) commenced on 15th March and concluded on 24th April 1954.

53. As required by the Constitution of India, His Highness the Maharaja addressed the Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council assembled together on 7th January 1954.

Starred questions.

54. Three hundred and sixty-two starred questions were admitted, answers being furnished in regard to 345 questions.

Unstarred questions.

55. One hundred and ninty-nine unstarred questions were admitted. Answers were furnished in regard to 196 questions which were laid on the table of the House.

Short notice questions.

56. Sixteen Short Notice Questions were admitted and answers to 11 questions were furnished.

57. The following Bills were passed during the two sessions of the Legislative Council.—

Adjourned Meetings of Budget Session, July-August 1953.

1. The Mysore Town Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 1953.
2. The Mysore Legislature Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1953.
3. The Mysore Ministers Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill, 1953.

*4. The Mysore Police (Second Amendment) Bill, 1953.

5. The Mysore Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1953.

* Indicates Bills passed after reference to Select Committee.

January Session, 1954.

1. The Mysore Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1954.
2. The Mysore Alienated Villages (Protection of Tenants and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, 1954.
3. The Mysore Village Panchayats and District Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1954.
4. The Madras District Boards (Mysore Amendment) Bill, 1954.
5. The Madras Preservation of Private Forest (Mysore Amendment) Bill, 1954.
6. The Madras Sugar Factories Control (Mysore Amendment) Bill, 1953.
7. The Mysore Co-operative Societies (Extension of Application to Bellary) Bill, 1954.
8. The Mysore Appropriation Bill, 1954.
9. The Mysore Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1954.
10. The Mysore Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1954.
11. The Mysore Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 1954.
12. The Mysore Legislature Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1954.
13. The Mysore University (Amendment) Bill, 1954.
14. The City of Bangalore Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1954.
15. The City of Mysore Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1954.
16. The Mysore Shops and Establishments (Extension to Bellary) Bill, 1954.
17. The Mysore Maternity Benefit (Extension to Bellary) Bill, 1954.
18. The Mysore Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 1954.
19. The Mysore Court Fees (Amendment) Bill, 1954.
20. The Mysore Electricity (Taxation on Consumption) (Amendment) Bill, 1954.

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*21. The Mysore Irrigation (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954.

*22. The Mysore Sales-Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1954.

*23. The Madras General Sales-Tax (Mysore (Amendment) Bill, 1954.

*24. The Mysore (Personal and Miscellaneous) Inam Abolition Bill, 1953.

25. The Mysore House Rent and Accommodation (Control) (Amendment) Bill, 1953.

**26. The Mysore Police (Amendment) Bill, 1953.

**27. The Mysore Municipal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1953.

58. In respect of the following Bills, the Legislative Council concurred in the setting up of Joint Select Committee:

1. The Mysore (Religious and Charitable) Inam Abolition Bill, 1954.
2. The Mysore Housing Board Bill, 1954.

Resolutions.

59. Forty-six Resolutions tabled by members were admitted. Nineteen Resolutions were taken up for discussion and withdrawn by the leave of the House.

Adjournment motions.

60. Out of three adjournment motions tabled during the two sessions, two were disallowed by the Chair and one was not passed.

Privilege motion.

61. The Report of the Privileges Committee regarding articles in "Satya" was discussed and adopted.

Special motions.

62. A debate on the address of thanks to His Highness the Maharaja took place for two days. Of the five amendments moved, one was put to vote and negatived and the rest were withdrawn. The main motion of thanks was then adopted without amendments.

63. An official resolution regarding adoption of Central Public Debt Act was passed.

64. The Special Official Resolution on Andhra State Bill was passed during the first sitting of the Council.

65. Two non-official Special Resolutions regarding shifting of apparatus from Polytechnic at Bellary and regarding boundaries between Andhra, Mysore and Madras were also discussed and withdrawn.

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* Indicates Bills passed after reference to Select Committee.

** Indicates Bills passed after their return from the Legislative Assembly.

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Financial Business.

66. The Chief Minister laid on the Table the Finance Accounts for 1950-51 and Appropriation Accounts and Audit Report and the Schedule of Demands for Additional and Supplementary Grants for the year 1953-54.

67. The Budget for 1954-55 was presented to the House by the Chief Minister. The Budget was discussed in the Council for five days.

Condolence.

68. During the earlier session a condolence resolution on the demise of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee was adopted.

69. During the latter session, condolence references were made by the Chair regarding the death of Hajee Mohamad Mustafa, Sri K. N. Mallegowda and Sri B. Nanjappa, members of the Representative Assembly.

Report of the Public Service Commission.

70. The Report of the Mysore Public Service Commission for the year 1951-52 was placed on the table and the same was discussed by the House.

Half-an-hour discussion.

71. There were half hour discussions during both the sessions in respect of answers furnished to eight questions of public interest for which suitable answers were given.

(ii) (a) Legislative Enactments

1. *Legislative Enactments (Amendment) Act,* 1953 (4 *of* 1953).—This Act amends the principal Act of 1948 to provide for the levy of higher rates of sales-tax on certain kinds of manufactured tobacco, namely cigars, cigarattes, cheroots, cigaratte tobacco and pipe tobacco, the tax being levied only when such goods are first sold in the State of Mysore.

2. *The Mysore Motor Spirit (Taxation on Sales) (Amendment) Act,* 1953 (5 *of* 1953).—This Act amends Section 3 of the principal Act of 1949 to provide for the levy of sales-tax on petrol at six annas per gallon instead of at four annas per gallon.

3. *The Mysore Public Debt Act,* 1953 (6 *of* 1953).—This Act consolidates and amends the law relating to Government securities and the management of the Public Debt of the State and repeals the Government Securities Act, 1925 (Mysore Act VIII of 1925).

4. *The Mysore Government Certificates (Amendment) Act,* 1953 (7 *of* 1953).—This Act amends Section 3 of the